



METROPOLITAN HOUSING COMMISSION

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2009, AT 8:00 AM

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT,
310 N. COMMERCE PARK LOOP, SANTA RITA BUILDING,
TERRACE CONFERENCE ROOM, TUCSON, ARIZONA

Minutes

Attendance:

Metropolitan Housing Commission Members Present:

Jerry Anderson	Evelia Martinez	Gigi Rodriguez
Pete Chalupsky	Michael McDonald	
Mike Grassinger	Melanie Morrison	
Janet Marcus	Richard Fe Tom	

Commission Members Absent:

Leslie Carlson	Linda Drew	Susan Soto
Pat DeVito	Judy Green	Bob Storie

Community Services Dept. Staff Present:

Andrea Ibañez	Oralia Acuña
Elizabeth Livingston	Noemi Santana

1. Call to Order
Melanie Morrison, Chair called the meeting to order at 8:10 AM.
2. Approval of August 13, 2009 minutes – **Mike Grassinger made MOTION to approve August 13, 2009 minutes and was second by Evelia Martinez. MOTION passed unanimously.**
3. Discussion on “Call to Action for Regional Solution to Affordable Housing” – Commission Members to serve on Task Force – **Discussion was held on who the members from the Commission that had volunteered to serve on the Task Force. MOTION by Jerry Anderson and second by Evelia Martinez to appoint Michael McDonald, Pete Chalupsky and Leslie Carlson to serve on the Task Force. MOTION passed unanimously. The next meeting is on September 30, 2009 at 8:00 AM at United Way.**
4. Update by Staff on Affordable Housing Issues – Andrea Ibañez –
Andrea Ibanez updated the Commission on various issues:
 - 1.) “Imagine Greater Tucson” process. She provided some notes from their last meeting. This is a visioning process for the community. Michael McDonald is also serving on this group.
 - 2.) City is conducting “Community Key Services” dialogue meetings to get the community to comment on where they would like funding sources to be going. It starts with a Ward dialogue. Meetings are September 23 @ Ward 4, September 28 @ Ward 3 and October 7 @ Ward 6. Second group is the Resource Organizations and the third group is City employees.

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- 3.) Another update that Andrea provided was on the Martin Luther King Hope VI. Jerry requested that the Commission get more information on the project at the next meeting.
 - 4.) Stimulus money update was provided.
 - 5.) County Go Bond is starting public input meetings to gather input from public input on what should be included in the next capital improvement bonds. Meeting dates are September 11, October 16, November 13 and December 11th at 8:00 AM at the Copper Room of the Randolph Golf Center.
 - 6.) Governor's Housing Forum starts next Monday September 14 in Tempe, AZ. Several members of the Commission are attending.
5. Legislative Update – Discussion on Public Safety Initiative and how it might affect affordable housing. There are some public meetings scheduled on this. Commission should be aware of the impact and the cost that this will have on the community. Michael McDonald made a MOTION, second by Evelia Martinez that Melanie Morrison, Chair for the Commission draft an official letter of inquiry/request to the Audit and Performance Commission (c/o Marie Nemerguth) with request/concerns we have on the effect the Initiative would have on the City's affordable housing. MOTION passed unanimously. Andrea to prepare a draft letter for Melanie's review.
6. Update on Tucson Housing Trust Fund – **No news was provided on this item.**
7. Tucson Downtown Alliance Partnership – Affordable Housing Policy into Projects that use City funding – Guest Speaker Glenn Lyons – **Glenn Lyons spoke about Strategic plan for Downtown Alliance to revitalize downtown. Discussion was held. He spoke about developing a comprehensive land development system for the conveyance and development of City owned land. Another issue he discussed what portion of a project should be set aside for affordable housing.**
8. Subcommittee Updates/Reports/Potential Action
- Community Land Trust – Mike Grassinger, Chair
Mike Grassinger reported that there is nothing new to report. Ron Koenig informed the Commission that Michael Brown from Burlington Associates would be coming in next week to work on the Community Land Trust by-laws and incorporation.
 - Governmental Affairs – Janet Marcus, Chair
Janet Marcus stated that there was nothing to report.
 - Marketing & Public Relations – Evelia Martinez, Chair
Evelia Martinez reported that the Marketing & Public Relations is working on a draft brochure. The next meeting for the subcommittee is on September 23 @ 3:30 PM. MOTION by Evelia Martinez and second by Michael McDonald requesting that staff prepare the Housing Production Report by November and have it available to the Commission to present to Mayor and Council in November of this year. MOTION passed unanimously.

Membership Recruitment – **The Commission is at full membership.**

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MHC/Pima County Housing Commission Joint Subcommittee – **Mike Grassinger** reported that there are two members from Pima County engaged with the subcommittee now, **Frank Thomson** and **David Greenberg**. **Pete Chalupsky** and **Richard Fe Tom** from the Commission also requested to join this subcommittee. Staff was directed to invite the top 4 Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) to a meeting to identifying barriers in the development process and discuss the process of getting projects through the development services process. The four to be invited are **Old Pueblo Foundation**, **Habitat**, **Chicanos Por La Causa**, **Tucson Metropolitan Ministries**. This meeting should be scheduled for about two hours and **Craig Gross**, **City of Tucson Development Services** and **Carmine DeBonis** from **Pima County Development Services Department** should be scheduled to attend this meeting.

9. **Future Agenda Items**

- **Green Projects – Invite Office of Conservation & Sustainability to October meeting for discussion on what are the standards, resources, and cost incurred for these projects. Commission requested that Rich Michaels be invited to make a presentation. This item can also be scheduled for October Commission meeting.**
- **Presentation by group that is doing the Sunnyside Pointe Project by La Frontera on how it was put together. Andrea to contact Mike Grassinger to get contact information for this project. This item can wait until the November Commission meeting.**
- **Invite someone from the Pima County Bond Commission to a meeting to speak on the upcoming new Bond issue. This should be scheduled as soon as possible. Invite Larry Hecker or Carolyn Campbell, both members of the bond commission. This item should be scheduled for October Commission Meeting.**
- **Report back on the Governor's Housing Forum by members of the Commission who attended. Commission members can report back at the October Commission meeting.**

10. **Call to the Audience**
No requests received.

11. **Adjournment**
Meeting was adjourned at 9:44 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Oralia Acuña